



# Sully Spotlight

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## Events of Interest

-  **Saturday, May 3—  
Sully Police Station  
Open House**
-  **Thursday, May 15—  
Peace Officers  
Memorial Day**
-  **Monday, May 26—  
Memorial Day**

## *Peace Officers Memorial Day* *May 15, 2008*

Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week are observances in the United States that pay tribute to local, state and federal law enforcement officers. The Memorial takes place on May 15 and Police Week is the calendar week in which the Memorial falls.

The holiday was created on October 1, 1961 when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. According to a proclamation by President George W. Bush in 2002, "Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week pay tribute to the local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism." Much of the holiday centers around the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., its walls feature the names of the more than 17,000 law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

**FLY FLAGS  
AT HALF-STAFF  
ON MAY 15**

**Peace Officers Memorial Day**

# SURROUNDED BY HEROES



The National Law Enforcement  
Officers Memorial Fund

400 7th Street NW, Suite 300  
Washington DC 20004  
202 | 737.3400  
[www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)

## National Police Week 2008 in DC

### Tuesday, May 6

Noon — 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 10<sup>th</sup> and G Streets NW

### Sunday, May 11

11 am — 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Ride, from RFK Stadium to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

### Monday, May 12

2 pm — Police Unity Tour Arrival at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

7 pm — 15<sup>th</sup> Annual TOP COPS Awards Ceremony at Warner Theatre

### Tuesday, May 13

8 pm — 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

### Wednesday, May 14

8:30 am — 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Young Honor Guard Competition at John Marshall Park - FOP Grand Lodge

6 pm — 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerald Society & Pipeband March and Service

### Wednesday & Friday, May 14 & 16

9 am - 4:30 pm — National Police Survivors' Conference - Concerns of Police Survivors; registration mandatory

### Thursday, May 15

Noon — 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol

3:30 pm — FOP/FOPA Wreathlaying Ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial

For more information and contacts, please visit [www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)

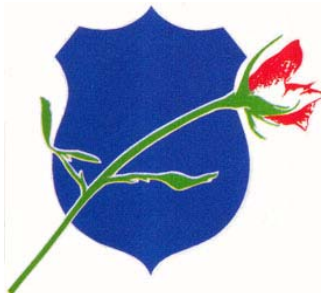
Observing the

 20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Candlelight Vigil



Remember all the fallen men, who gave their lives for you. Remember all the sweating, all the work they had to do. Remember all the blood they spilled, all the crying and the pain. Remember all the late nights, in the snow and in the rain. Remember how they kept the peace, in good times and in bad. Remember they protected you, and given all they had. Remember times are changing and people are changing too. Remember all the fallen men and that they died for you.

*-A tribute to fallen officers written by the 15-year-old daughter of an Idaho officer.*





# Protect Your Peace Officers: They Protect YOU!

Here are 10 easy steps you can take to make our roadways safer for officers and others and to help decrease officer injuries and fatalities. Please remember these every time you're out on the road. Do your part to keep our peace officers safe!

1. **Focus on driving.** Do not talk on your cell phone, eat, hunt for items in your vehicle or engage in other distractions while driving.
2. **Give officers room on the roadway.** When you see or hear a police or other emergency vehicle with its lights and siren activated, slow down, move to the right and stop if possible. Once the emergency vehicle passes, do not follow the vehicle too closely—give it plenty of room.
3. **Move over.** When you see a police or other emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the roadway, slow down and, if possible, safely move one additional lane away from the stop. Virginia law requires this.
4. **Never drive on the shoulder of a highway.** This is not only illegal, but also dangerous, as police and other emergency vehicles often use the shoulder to get to traffic crashes and other incidents.
5. **Watch officers' hands as they direct traffic.**
6. **Only drive when sober.**
7. **Drive within the speed limit.**
8. **Keep the volume on your car radio at a reasonable level.**
9. **Don't wear headphones while you drive.**
10. **Report drunk drivers.**



# ***Sully District Police Station's 5th Anniversary Open House***



***4900 Stonecroft Boulevard  
Chantilly, VA 20151  
Saturday, May 3, 2008  
10 a.m.—2 p.m.***

***Pony Rides***

***Police Dogs***

***Moon Bounces***

***Police Cars***

***McGruff***

***Helicopter***

***Child Fingerprinting and much, much more!***

***Free shuttle service will run from Westfield High School***



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# *Live Honoring America's Fallen... Every Day...*

And at 3 p.m.  
Memorial Day,  
pause for  
the National  
Moment of  
Remembrance  
to recognize  
their sacrifice.



White House Commission on Remembrance

*Established by Congress*

UP 1/14/08 • DOWN 5/31/08

# May is Bicycle Safety Month

Each year in the United States, bicycle-related injuries send approximately 350,000 children under the age of 15 to emergency departments. More kids, ages 5-14 are treated in hospital emergency departments for injuries related to biking than any other sport.

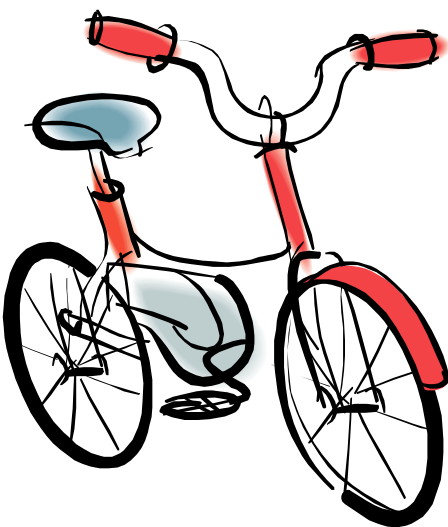
Although most automobile/bicycle crashes involving adult riders are caused by the motorist, most of those involving child cyclists are caused by the child. Young children may have difficulty understanding the rules of the road, but obeying bike safety rules and exercising caution while riding in traffic can avoid many of these crashes.

All cyclists should follow standard safety precautions. As parents it is our responsibility to pass our knowledge and experience to our children as they learn how to ride.

A smart way to teach your very young child safety is by example. You should wear your helmet each time you ride and make sure your child wears a helmet if they ride with you. However, a child must be at least one year old before you put a helmet on them. Their neck muscles and spinal cords aren't developed well enough to support the weight of the helmet, especially in a crash.

For older children a properly fitted bicycle will help prevent a crash. Don't buy a bicycle your child needs to "grow into." An oversized bicycle could cause your child to lose control and get hurt. A bike is the right size when your child can sit on the seat with his or her feet flat on the ground, the handlebar no higher than their shoulders. Bikes for beginners should have coaster brakes (or foot) brakes, not complicated hand brakes. If your child is starting out on training wheels, be sure they can be adjusted as his or her skills improve.

<http://www.luhs.org/depts/injprev/Breakpnt/bp-v4-5.htm#article5>





## Slow Down/Move Over Law

by  
MPO. W. M. Brock

I had intended on continuing with, “Rules of the Road” this month. I changed my mind while attending a recent crime prevention conference. There I spoke with a special agent with the Virginia State Police. He had some literature on his table about “Slow Down / Move Over.”

What does this mean, you ask? Well, let me explain. In 2002, a new law made its way into the books here in Virginia. The underlying goal of this law is to protect public safety workers and give them more room to work along the roadway.

I had not heard a lot about this law. It did not make a big splash like other new laws or revisions to previous laws. There has been little if any publicity or media notification about this law in the last six years. North Carolina has a similar law in effect. Surprisingly, I learned of North Carolina’s law before discovering that Virginia had one too.

Basically the law states that when you are approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with its emergency lights activated you must proceed with caution. If you are on a four lane highway (with at least two traffic lanes in each direction), you must either yield the right-of-way by making a lane change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle or if a lane change can not be made safely, proceed past the emergency vehicle with due caution and maintain a safe speed for the conditions. Violation of this statute is a Class 1 misdemeanor and could result in the suspension of your privilege to operate a motor vehicle in Virginia for up to two years. The sentence depends on what property damage or personal injury occurred.

### **Code of Virginia § 46.2-921.1. Drivers to yield right-of-way or reduce speed when approaching stationary emergency vehicles on highways; penalties.**

*The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-920, that is displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating emergency light or lights as provided in §§ 46.2-1022, 46.2-1023, and 46.2-1024, shall (i) on a highway having at least four lanes, at least two of which are intended for traffic proceeding as the approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and, if reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that occupied by the stationary emergency vehicle or (ii) if changing lanes would be unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for highway conditions.*

*Violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor. If the violation resulted in damage to property of another person, the court may, in addition, order the suspension of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than one year. If the violation resulted in injury to another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the suspension of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for not more than two years. If the violation resulted in the death of another person, the court may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, order the suspension of the driver's privilege to operate a motor vehicle for two years.*



# Slow Down/Move Over Law

## *continued*

Throughout the course of my career, I have been asked many times if I was afraid of being shot while working. My answer has always been, "Yes, that is a concern, but I am much more concerned about being hit by a vehicle." As a police officer, I am constantly working in and around traffic. The fact is that a 3,000 pound (or more) vehicle can do as much, if not more damage to the human body as a bullet. That is why a law such as this one is important. And yes, I have been struck by a vehicle, not once, but three times. I really do not want to try for a fourth, as I may not walk away from the next one!

Here is another law regarding the approach of emergency vehicles. It used to be that when an emergency vehicle was approaching, you had to pull to the right shoulder or side of the road. That has now changed. This code section now reflects that a driver has the duty to drive to the nearest edge of the roadway, right or left, using due regard for safety. Keep in mind that it is also a violation to pass a moving emergency vehicle with its warning lights and siren (or other audible signal) in operation.

### **Code of Virginia § 46.2-829. Approach of law-enforcement or fire-fighting vehicles, rescue vehicles, or ambulances; violation as failure to yield right-of-way.**

*Upon the approach of any emergency vehicle as defined in § 46.2-920 giving audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or air horn designed to give automatically intermittent signals, and displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating emergency light or lights as provided in §§ 46.2-1022 through 46.2-1024, the driver of every other vehicle shall, as quickly as traffic and other highway conditions permit, drive to the nearest edge of the roadway, clear of any intersection of highways, and stop and remain there, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, until the emergency vehicle has passed. This provision shall not relieve the driver of any such vehicle to which the right-of-way is to be yielded of the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of such right-of-way.*

*Violation of this section shall constitute failure to yield the right-of-way; however, any violation of this section that involves overtaking or passing a moving emergency vehicle giving an audible signal and displaying activated warning lights as provided for in this section shall constitute reckless driving, punishable as provided in § 46.2-868.*





# Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for your child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

**Next available dates:** Thursday, May 1, 2008 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 8, 2008 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 15, 2008 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 22, 2008 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 29, 2008 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

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## CAC Corner



The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in the Office of Emergency Management. All are welcome to attend.

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## Farewell

*By*  
*PFC Mary Hulse*

I am stepping down after five years as the Sully District Crime Prevention Officer. In May, I will be returning to patrol. It has been a pleasure working with each community and business to improve the Sully District. I have seen a positive change in the communities and commercial areas through Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch. This change has occurred, in large part, because of the active participation by residents and workers to make your community a safer place to live and work. It has been an honor to be your liaison officer with the Sully District Police Station. Continue with your hard work and I'll see you out in the Sully District on patrol!

At this time, MPO Wellford Brock will be your point of contact for the Crime Prevention Office. His email information is [Wellford.Brock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Wellford.Brock@fairfaxcounty.gov) and his phone number is 703-814-7048. A second Crime Prevention Officer will be selected in the near future.

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**File a Report on Line**  
**[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs)**

**Virginia Amber Alert**  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

**Aggressive Driving—  
Report Online at**  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf\\_sfty\\_report.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



#### PHONE NUMBERS

**Fairfax County Crime  
Solvers :**  
1-866-411-TIPS

**Fairfax County Police  
Non-Emergency:**  
703-691-2131

**Sully District Crime  
Prevention Office:**  
703-814-7018

**Child Car Seat  
Installation:**  
**Sully District Station**  
703-814-7000 x 5140

**SAFE (Self Defense Class)**  
703-246-7806

**Citizen Reporting System  
(to file reports only )**  
703-691-2131



## *Start Planning National Night Out 2008!*

National Night out is Tuesday, August 5 this year. What is National Night Out and how can you participate?

NNO is designed to:

- \* Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- \* Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- \* Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- \* Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events and activities such as:

- \* block parties;
- \* cookouts;
- \* visits from local police and sheriff departments;
- \* parades, exhibits;
- \* flashlight walks;
- \* contests; and,
- \* youth programs.

Communities in the Sully District that will be participating in National Night Out this year are asked to contact MPO Wellford Brock to coordinate visits from the Sully District Police Officers at your events. Contact MPO Brock at [Wellford.Brock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Wellford.Brock@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Join communities around the nation on Tuesday, August 5 to show your support in the fight against crime!

